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PRODUCTION OF CASHEW
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cashew produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there is a large scope for value addition of the cashew fruit;

(c) if so, the details regarding parts (excluding cashew nut) that can be used for such value addition; and

(d) the details of the steps taken with regard to such value addition?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The details of cashew produced in the country during the last three years, State- wise is annexd as Annexure-1.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The cashew fruit i.e. cashew apple has large scope for value addition. This juicy fruit can be used for preparing various edible products such as Syrup, squash, juice, jam candy, canned apple, pickle and vinegar. The cashew apple is used for making "Feni" in the state of Goa.

(d): Protocols for the preparation of juice, jam, jelly, pickle and various other products have been developed at Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore and at AICRP (Cashew) Centres at Cashew Research Station.

In order to create awareness among the farming community on the utility of this valuable edible product, Government of India has envisaged a programme "Pilot Demonstration on Utilization of Cashew Apple" under National Horticulture Mission for popularizing preparation of these products. Demonstrations are conducted in major cashew growing states to impart training to the cashew farmers especially farm women through Research Centres, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Non Governmental Organizations from 2006-07 onwards.